AIDS Patients

1397. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS patients are (about 30 times more) likely to suffer a stroke than people in the same age-group not exposed to AIDS; and

(b) if so, whether similar results have been noticed in India as appeared in the Sunday Observer of 22nd January, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) AIDS patients usually soccumb to overwhelming opportunistic infection or malignancies because of immuno deficiency. Stroke is not a common cause of death among AIDS cases. However, some AIDS patients have neurological manifestation.

(b) In India so far only 29 cases of AIDS have been detected. Of these 11 were foreigners and 18 were Indians 7 patients had neurological manifestation though none of the Indians with AIDS suffered or died of stroke.

Secretaries of Central Government from state cadres

1398. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Secretaries of the Central Government who belong to various State cadres including Gujarat; and

(b) whether Secretaries have been given extensions beyond their terms, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 43 IAS officers and 1 IPS officer are holding the posts of Secretaary to the Government of India.

(b) Two Secretaries have been given extension in service beyond the age of superannuation in public interest.

Deployment of Pakistani forces along Indo-Pak borders

1399. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notable change has been observed by Government following the induction of the newly elected democratic Government in Pakistan in regard to deployment of Pakistani Forces along Indo-Pak borders including that across Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allegations against former Chief Minister of Karnataka

1400. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allegations against Shri Ram Krishna Hegde the former Chief Minister of Karnataka and his relatives have been made by various political leaders in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government are considering to conduct an enquiry against the misuse of power by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka; and

...contd.

(c) if so, by when the committee is likely to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No decision, to constitute a Commission or Committee to enquire into the alleged misuse of power by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka, has been taken. Hence the question of indicating a time frame for constituting a committee does not arise.

Installation of ALCYON-II Cobalt Therapy Unit

1401. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken stringent measures to ensure that the commercial products using radioactive sources, do not cause any exposure of radiation to public at large, and if so, what are the broad details of such measures; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a non-Government hospital in Bangalore is being allowed to install ALCYON-II Cobalt Therapy Unit in the ground floor of a building in a crowded residential locality instead of the usual basement area where the threat of radiation exposure is the minimum or nil, and whether this particular Cobalt Unit has got the necessary design certification from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has brought out safety code giving details for Cobalt Therapy equipment and installations. The code also specifies the requirements for the safe operation of the equipment, qualifications of staff handling them etc. The shielding specifications for the therapy facility are approved by BARC prior to construction. Radiation surveillance of the facility is also carried out by BARC.

(b) A non-Govt. hospital in Bangalore is being allowed to install a ALCYON-II Cobalt Teletherapy Unit in the ground floor of the hospital building in a residential locality. The location of the Therapy Unit in the ground floor is quite common, and is safe as the room is adequately shielded as per code requirements and is at sufficient distance from adjacent residential buildings. The approval for the installation of this particular unit in the Bangalore hospital is awaiting the receipt of test certificate from the manufacturers.

World Bank pressure for computers in rural sector

1402. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report on World Bank's pressure for computers in rural sector which appeared in the *Times of India* dated 11th October, 1988;

(b) if so, facts on the case; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government have seen the report in the Times of India. The World Bank has prepared a pilot project report to test ap-